

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage of International Application)	
No. PCT/EP2003/003336 under 35 U.S.C.)	
§ 371 of:)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Diego TIRELLI et al.)	Examiner: N. Nutter
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Application No.: 10/551,186)	
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For: THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL)	
COMPRISING A VULCANIZED)	
RUBBER IN A SUBDIVIDED FORM)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated December 5, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, the period for response having been extended to April 6, 2009 (April 5, 2009, falling on a Sunday), by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.